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## DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETINGS ON STORROW DRIVE TUNNEL PROJECT

Public Discussion on Needed Repairs for Well-Traveled Parkway

**Boston** – The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announces dates for public meetings regarding the repair of the Storrow Drive Tunnel. The purpose of the meetings is to begin a public dialogue on alternatives for repairing the tunnel. The tunnel carries eastbound traffic underground near Arlington St., while supporting westbound traffic. Key elements of the tunnel, built in the 1950s, have deteriorated significantly and need to be upgraded to meet current safety standards.

Two Public Meetings have been scheduled to introduce the project to Beacon Hill and Back Bay residents, local business owners, and users of Storrow Drive and the Esplanade. DCR will describe the condition of the tunnel and ask the participants to comment on proposed criteria for reviewing the repair options.

The Public Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, February 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, in Gardner Auditorium at the State House, Boston
- Wednesday, February 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, in the Auditorium at Shriners Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom St. (off Cambridge St.)

The same information will be presented at both meetings. Two evening meetings are being offered for the convenience of the participants.

DCR plans to hold a series of Public Meetings and Open Houses throughout the design and environmental review process, which is expected to take about 14 months. Detailed options will be presented to the community at meetings in March.